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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98, Applicants hereby bring to the attention of the Examiner the following information.

The following documents were cited in an International Search Report with respect to International Patent Application No. PCT/2004/019150, of which the present application is the U.S. National Stage Application. Copies of the International Search Report (in Japanese and English) have been filed concurrently with the present application and should thus have been brought to the attention of the Examiner.

- (1) Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 2000-70292, together with an English language Abstract of the same. Applicants note that this document is cited beginning page 2 of the specification of the above-captioned application;

- (2) Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 2002-306512, together with an English language Abstract of the same, and patent family members U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0151941 to OKAWA et al., which was published on October 17, 2002; and U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2005/0033119 to OKAWA et al., which was published on February 10, 2005; and
- (3) Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 2003-249372, together with an English language Abstract of the same, and patent family member U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2005/0084707 to SATSUKI et al., which was published on April 21, 2005.

The relevance of these documents, as ascertained with respect to the international claims by the International Examiner, is set forth in the International Search Report.

Applicants further submit the following documents.

- (4) Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. HEI 6-217996, together with an English language Abstract of the same. Applicants note that this document is cited beginning page 1 of the specification of the above-captioned application; and
- (5) U.S. Patent Application No. 10/564,551 to SAKAGUCHI, which was filed on January 13, 2006.

Further to 37 C.F.R. §1.98 (a)(2)(ii) and the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office's decision to waive the requirement under 37 C.F.R. §1.98 (a)(2)(iii) if the U.S. patent application was filed after June 30, 2003, copies of the U.S. patent application

publications and patent application are not enclosed herewith. However, if any copy is needed, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned.

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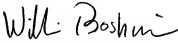
Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the above material and cite the same. Copies of the above-noted foreign documents, including the noted English language Abstracts, are attached hereto, and all of the documents are listed on an attached PTO-1449 Form. The Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached Form and to return a copy of the completed Form to Applicants with the next official communication in the present application.

Applicants note that an Office Action on the merits has not issued in the present application, and thus, no fee is believed necessary to ensure consideration of the submitted material.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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